III.—ALLOTMENT OF HALF A DAY TO DISCUSS A MOTION *re* EXCISE DUTY ON SUGAR AND MATCHES, AND ONE DAY FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE LAND MORTGAGE BANKS BILL BY CUTTING DOWN THE DAYS ALLOTTED FOR BUDGET DISCUSSION.

1-30 p.m. * The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"Sir, Dr. Subbarayan has given notice of a motion under rule 24-A of the Legislative Council Rules regarding the excise duty on sugar and matches. It has been represented to the Hon. the President by Leaders of Parties that facilities should be given for the consideration of this motion and for the consideration of the Hon. Mr. Rajan's Land Mortgage Banks Bill and that the number of days allotted for the Voting of Demands for Grants might be cut down by 1½ days for this purpose. The Hon. the President having no objection, His Excellency the Governor has, in deference to the wishes of the Leaders, agreed to cut down the number of days for Budget discussion by 1½ days, and to allot half a day for the resolution of Dr. Subbarayan and one day for the consideration of the Hon. Mr. Rajan's Bill. The resolution will be taken up on Saturday morning and the Hon. Mr. Rajan's Bill on Monday morning."

The House then adjourned for lunch.

After Lunch (2-30 p.m.)

II.—VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1934-35.

DEMAND X—SECRETARIAT AND HEADQUARTERS ESTABLISHMENTS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS—RESERVED.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The Demand has to be put to vote at 3 p.m."

* The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"Mr. President, Sir, I shall confine myself to the main points raised in the debate, as I fear it will not be possible to deal with all the points raised, as they cover a very wide field. One very important point touched upon by several Members is with regard to the proposal commonly known as the cut in salary; opinions on the subject are divided; as was rightly pointed out by one Member, such a cut is open to the danger that it may lead to an increase of corruption in the service. There is much to be said on the subject but as the matter was fully dealt with at the time of the general discussion of the Budget, I think I had better devote the short time at my disposal to other matters.

"The suggestion was made by Mr. Muniswami Pillai that the salaries of future entrants should be 50 per cent less than the salaries which present incumbents are now drawing. The question of reducing the rates of salary of future entrants has been very carefully considered by Government in consultation with the Retrenchment Committee, and we have made reductions in them, which will ultimately result in reducing the expenditure on salaries by 20·7 per cent in the case of gazetted officers, and 10·1 per cent in the case of non-gazetted officers. And I do not think any further reduction can be effected in the present circumstances.